

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-8 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1, and 9-12, and add new claims 13-30 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A biochemical reaction detection apparatus, comprising;
a first membrane;
a plurality of islands provided on one side of said first membrane; [[and]]
probe cells for immobilizing probes for detecting biochemical reactions, each of
said probe cells being provided on a side opposite to said one side of said first membrane
corresponding to one of the islands through a cross section of the first membrane[[,]]; and
a cover placed on top of the probe cells for accommodating a sample solution
between the cover and the probe cells,
wherein said islands are spaced from each other with intervals filled with air, and
each of the islands includes a temperature controller for heating and temperature-
controlling a corresponding one of said probe cells independently so that the temperature
of the sample solution is controlled independently cell by cell.
2. (Original) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the interval between each of said islands is 50 μm or longer.
3. (Original) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein
the interval between each of said islands is 100 μm or longer.
4. (Previously Presented) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said first membrane has a heat conductivity of 10 w/mk (watt/(meter*kelvin))
or less.
- 5-8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim
[[5]]1, wherein said first membrane is made of a material or a composite material

selected from a group consisting of silicon nitride, silicon oxide, aluminum oxide and Ta₂O₅.

10. (Currently Amended) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim [[5]]1, wherein said first membrane is 500 μm thick or thinner.
11. (Currently Amended) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim [[5]]1, wherein said first membrane is 20 μm thick or thinner.
12. (Currently Amended) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim [[5]]1, wherein said first membrane is 5 μm thick or thinner.
13. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein heat circuits are installed among said islands.
14. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus to claim 1, wherein thermal conductor layers are formed among said islands for draining heat.
15. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said islands are formed in a mesh structure for draining heat.
16. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the heat circuits are made from Si, Au, Ag or Cu.
17. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a distance between one of said islands and one of the heat circuits is 10 – 500 μm.
18. (New) A biochemical reaction detection apparatus, comprising:
 - a first membrane, a first side thereof being set to be provided with a sample solution;
 - a plurality of islands provided on a second side of said first membrane opposite to the first side of said first membrane;

probe cells for immobilizing probes for detecting biochemical reactions, each of said probe cells being provided on the first side of said first membrane corresponding to one of the islands through a cross section of said first membrane, each of said probe cells being set to contact with said sample solution;

wherein said islands are spaced from each other with intervals filled with air, and each of the islands includes a temperature controller for heating and temperature-controlling a corresponding one of said probe cells independently so that the temperature of the sample solution is controlled independently cell by cell.

19. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the interval between each of said islands is 50 μm or longer.
20. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the interval between each of said islands is 100 μm or longer.
21. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first membrane has a heat conductivity of 10 w/mk (watt/(meter*kelvin)) or less.
22. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first membrane is made of a material or a composite material selected from a group consisting of silicon nitride, silicon oxide, aluminum oxide and Ta_2O_5 .
23. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first membrane is 500 μm thick or thinner.
24. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first membrane is 20 μm thick or thinner.
25. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said first membrane is 5 μm thick or thinner.

26. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein heat circuits are installed among said islands.
27. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus to claim 18, wherein thermal conductor layers are formed among said islands for draining heat.
28. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said islands are formed in a mesh structure for draining heat.
29. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the heat circuits are made from Si, Au, Ag or Cu.
30. (New) The biochemical reaction detection apparatus according to claim 26, wherein a distance between one of said islands and one of the heat circuits is 10 – 500 μm .

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the attached corrected drawings Fig. 2B, in which reference "SAMPLE SOLUTION 26" is being added, to replace Fig. 2B as originally filed. A Letter to Draftsperson is also submitted herewith.